The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) An information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, comprising:

a memory configured to store encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

a display data decoding unit corresponding to the display mode and configured to decode the first data stored in the memory;

a printing data decoding unit corresponding to the printing mode and configured to decode the first data stored in the memory;

a storage data decoding unit corresponding to the storage mode and configured to decode the first data stored in the memory;

a display processing unit corresponding to the display data decoding unit and configured to execute a display operation corresponding to the display mode using second data obtained from decoding of the first data;

a printing processing unit corresponding to the printing data decoding unit and configured to execute a printing operation corresponding to the printing mode using second data obtained from decoding of the first data;

a storage processing unit corresponding to the storage data decoding unit and configured to execute a storage operation corresponding to the storage mode using second data obtained from decoding of the first data;

a judging unit configured to judge if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

an operation command issuing unit configured to issue a command for action to one of the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request when the judging unit judges that the requested operation is executable; and

a message issuing unit configured to issue a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the message being issued when the judging unit judges that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

20. (Currently Amended) An information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, comprising:

a memory configured to store encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of

operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

a decoding unit configured to decode the first data stored in the memory;

a data storage unit configured to store second data obtained from decoding the first data;

a display processing unit configured to execute a display operation corresponding to the display mode using second data stored in the data storage unit;

a printing processing unit configured to execute a printing operation corresponding to the printing mode using second data stored in the data storage unit;

a storage processing unit configured to execute a storage operation corresponding to the storage mode using second data stored in the data storage unit;

a judging unit configured to judge if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

an operation command issuing unit configured to issue commands for actions to the decoding unit and one of the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request if the second data is not stored in the data storage unit and configured to issue a command for action to one of the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request if the second data is stored in the data storage unit when the judging unit judges that the requested operation is executable; and

a message issuing unit configured to issue a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the message being issued when the judging unit judges that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time,

the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

21. (Currently Amended) An information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility comprising:

a memory configured to store encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

a display data decoding unit corresponding to the display mode and configured to decode the first data stored in the memory;

a printing data decoding unit corresponding to the printing mode and configured to decode the first data stored in the memory;

a storage data decoding unit corresponding to the storage mode and configured to decode the first data stored in the memory;

a display processing unit corresponding to the display data decoding unit and configured to execute a display operation corresponding to the display mode using second data obtained from decoding of the first data;

a printing processing unit corresponding to the printing data decoding unit and configured to execute a printing operation corresponding to the printing mode using second data obtained from decoding of the first data;

a storage processing unit corresponding to the storage data decoding unit and configured to execute a storage operation corresponding to the storage mode using second data obtained from decoding of the first data;

a judging unit configured to judge if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

an operation command issuing unit configured to issue a command for action to one of the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request in a case where the judging unit judges that the requested operation is executable;

an operation command reserving unit configured to prevent the issuance of the command to the one of the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit until a current time reaches the executable time period when the judging unit does not judge that the requested operation is executable; and

a message issuing unit configured to issue a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the message being issued when the judging unit judges that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

22. (Currently Amended) An information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, comprising:

a memory configured to store encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

a decoding unit configured to decode the first data stored in the memory;

a data storage unit configured to store second data obtained from decoding the first data;

a display processing unit configured to execute a display operation corresponding to the display mode using second data stored in the data storage unit;

a printing processing unit configured to execute a printing operation corresponding to the printing mode using second data stored in the data storage unit;

a storage processing unit configured to execute a storage operation corresponding to the storage mode using second data stored in the data storage unit;

a judging unit configured to judge if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

an operation command issuing unit configured to issue commands for actions to the decoding unit and one of the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request if the second data is not stored in the data storage unit and configured to issue a command for action to one of the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request if the second data is stored in the data storage unit when the judging unit judges that the requested operation is executable;

an operation command reserving unit configured to prevent the issuance of the command to the decoding unit until a current time reaches the executable time period when the judging unit does not judge that the requested operation is executable; and

a message issuing unit configured to issue a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the message being issued when the judging unit judges that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

23. (Currently Amended) An information access control method for use in an information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, the apparatus having a memory which stores information including encoded first data, the method comprising:

storing, in the memory, the first data encoded and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

judging if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

decoding the first data stored in the memory by one of a display data decoding unit, a printing data decoding unit, and a storage data decoding unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request when the judgment indicates that the requested operation is executable, the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit being provided respectively corresponding to the display mode, the printing mode, and the storage mode;

executing the requested operation using second data obtained from decoding the first data by one of a display processing unit, a printing processing unit, and a storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request, the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit respectively corresponding to the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit; and

in a case where the judgment indicates that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, issuing a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

24. (Currently Amended) An information access control method for use in an information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, the apparatus having a memory which stores information including encoded first data, the method comprising:

storing, in the memory, the encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display

mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

judging if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

decoding the first data stored in the memory by a decoding unit when the judgment indicates that the requested operation is executable;

storing, in a data storage unit, second data obtained from decoding the first data;

executing the requested operation using the second data stored in the data storage unit by one of a display processing unit, a printing processing unit, and a storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request, the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit respectively corresponding to the display mode, the printing mode, and the storage mode;

executing another requested operation using the second data stored in the data storage unit, upon another request for operation execution, by one of the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit, corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by another request in a case where the judgment indicates that the another requested operation is executable; and

in a case where the judgment indicates that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, issuing a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

25. (Currently Amended) An information access control method for use in an information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information

for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, the apparatus having a memory which stores information including encoded first data, the method comprising:

storing, in the memory, the encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

judging if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

decoding the first data stored in the memory by one of a display data decoding unit, a printing data decoding unit, and a storage data decoding unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request when the judgment indicates that the requested operation is executable, the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit respectively corresponding to the display mode, the printing mode, and the storage mode;

preventing the decoding of the first data until a current time reaches the executable time period in a case where the judgment does not indicate that the requested operation is executable, and decoding the first data by the decoding unit corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request after a current time reaches the executable time period;

executing the requested operation using second data obtained from decoding the first data by one of a display processing unit, a printing processing unit, and a storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request, the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit respectively corresponding to the

display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit; and

in a case where the judgment indicates that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, issuing a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

26. (Currently Amended) An information access control method for use in an information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, the apparatus having a memory which stores information including encoded first data, the method comprising:

storing, in the memory, the encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

judging if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

decoding the first data stored in the memory by a decoding unit when the judgment indicates that the requested operation is executable;

preventing the decoding of the first data until a current time reaches the executable time period when the judgment does not indicate that the requested operation is executable, and decoding the first data by the decoding unit corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request after a current time reaches the executable time period;

storing, in a data storage unit, second data obtained from decoding the first data;

executing the requested operation using the second data stored in the data storage unit by one of a display processing unit, a printing processing unit, and a storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request, the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit respectively corresponding to the display mode, the printing mode, and the storage mode;

executing another requested operation using the second data stored in the data storage unit, upon another request for operation execution, by one of the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit, corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by another request, when the judgment indicates that the another requested operation is executable or after a current time reaches the executable time period when the judgment does not indicate that the another requested operation is executable; and

in a case where the judgment indicates that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, issuing a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

27. (Currently Amended) A storage medium having program code instructions stored thereon which perform information access control when executed by a processor in an information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, the apparatus having a memory which stores information including encoded first data, the instructions comprising:

storing, in the memory, the encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

judging if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

decoding the first data stored in the memory by one of a display data decoding unit, a printing data decoding unit, and a storage data decoding unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request when the judgment indicates that the requested operation is executable, the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit respectively corresponding to the display mode, the printing mode, and the storage mode;

executing the requested operation using second data obtained from decoding the first data by one of a display processing unit, a printing processing unit, and a storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request, the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit respectively corresponding to the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit; and

in a case where the judgment indicates that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, issuing a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

28. (Currently Amended) A storage medium having program code instructions stored thereon which perform information access control when executed by a processor in an information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, the apparatus having a memory which stores information including encoded first data, the instructions comprising:

storing, in the memory, the encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

judging if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

decoding the first data stored in the memory by a decoding unit when the judgment indicates that the requested operation is executable;

storing, in a data storage unit, second data obtained from decoding the first data;

executing the requested operation using the second data stored in the data storage unit by one of a display processing unit, a printing processing unit, and a storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request, the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit respectively corresponding to the display mode, the printing mode, and the storage mode;

executing another requested operation using the second data stored in the data storage unit, upon another request for operation execution, by one of the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit, corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by another request when the judgment indicates that the another requested operation is executable; and

in a case where the judgment indicates that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, issuing a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

29. (Currently Amended) A storage medium having program code instructions stored thereon which perform information access control when executed by a processor in an information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested information depending on the accessibility, the apparatus having a memory which stores information including encoded first data, the instructions comprising:

storing, in the memory, the encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization, the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

judging if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time

period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

decoding the first data stored in the memory by one of a display data decoding unit, a printing data decoding unit, and a storage data decoding unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request in a case where the judgment indicates that the requested operation is executable, the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit respectively corresponding to the display mode, the printing mode, and the storage mode;

preventing the decoding of the first data until a current time reaches the executable time period in a case where the judgment does not indicate that the requested operation is executable, and decoding the first data by the decoding unit corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request after a current time reaches the executable time period;

executing the requested operation using second data obtained from decoding the first data by one of a display processing unit, a printing processing unit, and a storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request, the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit respectively corresponding to the display data decoding unit, the printing data decoding unit, and the storage data decoding unit; and

in a case where the judgment indicates that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, issuing a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

30. (Currently Amended) A storage medium having program code instructions stored thereon which perform information access control when executed by a processor in an information utilization apparatus for requesting information for at least one of displaying, printing, or storing, wherein the accessibility of the information for each of the displaying, printing, or storing changes over time, determining the accessibility of the requested information for displaying, printing, or storing, and allowing displaying, printing, or storing of the requested

information depending on the accessibility, the apparatus having a memory which stores information including encoded first data, the instructions comprising:

storing, in the memory, the encoded first data and applicable time information which defines a plurality of modes of utilization of the first data and executable time periods of operations respectively corresponding to the plurality of modes of utilization the plurality of modes of utilization including a display mode, a printing mode, and a storage mode, the applicable time information defining a displayable time period corresponding to the display mode, a printable time period corresponding to the printing mode, and a storable time period corresponding to the storage mode with respect to the first data;

judging if a requested operation is executable, upon a request entered via a user interface for ~~operation execution~~ an action for one of displaying, printing, and storing the first data, by reading the applicable time information from the memory and referring to an executable time period corresponding to a mode of utilization indicated by the request to compare with a current time;

decoding the first data stored in the memory by a decoding unit when the judgment indicates that the requested operation is executable;

preventing the decoding of the first data until a current time reaches the executable time period when the judgment does not indicate that the requested operation is executable, and decoding the first data by the decoding unit corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request after a current time reaches the executable time period;

storing, in a data storage unit, second data obtained from decoding the first data;

executing the requested operation using the second data stored in the data storage unit by one of a display processing unit, a printing processing unit, and a storage processing unit, corresponding to the mode of utilization indicated by the request, the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit respectively corresponding to the display mode, the printing mode, and the storage mode;

executing another requested operation using the second data stored in the data storage unit, upon another request for operation execution, by one of the display processing unit, the printing processing unit, and the storage processing unit, corresponding to a mode of utilization

indicated by another request, when the judgment indicates that the another requested operation is executable or after a current time reaches the executable time period when the judgment does not indicate that the another requested operation is executable; and

in a case where the judgment indicates that the requested operation is not executable at a requested time, issuing a message indicating that a requested action is prohibited and indicating a time period that allows a requested action, the time period that allows the requested action being acquired from the applicable time information stored in the memory.

31. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

32. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

33. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

34. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

35. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

36. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

37. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

38. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

39. (Previously presented) The storage medium according to claim 27, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

40. (Previously presented) The storage medium according to claim 28, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

41. (Previously presented) The storage medium according to claim 29, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.

42. (Previously presented) The storage medium according to claim 30, wherein execution of the printing operation and execution of the storage operation are prohibited until a certain period of time passes and permitted after the certain period of time passes.